

**New Hampshire Small MS4 General Permit**  
**Annual Report**  
**Town of Stratham**  
**Permit Year 2**

EPA NPDES Permit Number NHR041000

# Certification

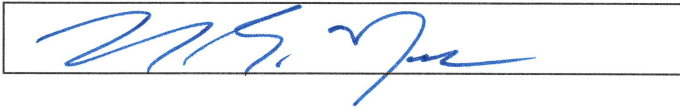
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Date

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# Small MS4 Authorization

The following annual report is intended to document the activities undertaken over the reporting period from July 1, 2019 through June 30, 2020 in accordance with the Notice of Intent (NOI). The NOI can be found at the following (document name or web address):

<https://www.epa.gov/npdes-permits/regulated-ms4-new-hampshire-communities>

Compliance activities have been identified and described in the Town of Stratham Stormwater Management Plan (SWMP) and Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination Plan (IDDE). Those documents can be found at the following website and will be referred to throughout this report:

SWMP: <https://www.strathamnh.gov/planning-board/pages/stratham-and-ms4>

IDDE: <https://www.strathamnh.gov/planning-board/pages/stratham-and-ms4>

## **MCM1 - Public Education and Outreach**

### **Year 2 Activities**

#### **BMP: Grass and Fertilizer**

**Document Name and/or Web Address:**

Green Grass & Clear Water Brochure: [https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page\\_id=54](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54).

**Description:**

Distribution and promotion of four-fold flyer produced by UNH Cooperative Extension and NH Sea Grant outlining simple recommendations to keep lawns healthy while reducing water quality impacts - including proper fertilizer techniques and disposal of grass clippings.

**Targeted Audience:**

Residential &/or Business and Institutions

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Lawn care enthusiast residents understand the potential water quality impacts from fertilizer and improper disposal of grass clippings and are aware of the proper lawn care management techniques for reducing those impacts. Measurement includes materials distribution methods and numbers and change in visits to UNH Cooperative Extension or municipal stormwater webpages.

In Year 1 25 of flyers were distributed. In Year 2, 50 flyers were distributed. **Goal was achieved.**

Information was also printed in Town Select Board Newsletter and made available through social media. **Goal was achieved.** Also, during March Town Meeting posters displaying similar material to flier was posted for viewing by the 3,000 voters who voted in person. Additionally, similar posters were displayed late Fall 2019 at a county level Hazardous Materials Collection Day.

**Message Date:**

Spring/Summer 2020

#### **BMP: Pet Waste Disposal**

**Document Name and/or Web Address:**

"Every Drop" post cards or flyer [https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page\\_id=54](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54)

**Description:**

Distribution and promotion of "Every Drop" post cards or flyer with proper pet waste management, impacts of improper management, pet waste ordinance, and disposal requirements messaging. May include pledge to pick up pet waste to be made available during dog registration and other events or venues (veterinarians, dog training, groomers, etc.). Every Drop is a collaborative education effort with PREP, NHDES and other partners.

**Targeted Audience:**

Residents - Pet Owners

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Dog owners and/or dog walkers are aware of the potential water quality impacts from pet waste, local pet waste ordinances, and how to dispose of pet waste properly. If pledges are signed, there will be an increase of dog owners committed to picking up pet waste.

In Year 1, 0 of residents pledged through the PREP “Every Drop” website, though 30 fliers were distributed. Messaging was increased to include flier and materials at numerous locations in Town. While there were no pledges with PREP “Every Drop” in Year 2, there was an increase in the number of messages distributed (50), and an observable, though not quantifiable, increase in pet waste bag usage at the Stratham Hill Park. **Goal was achieved.** Messaging in year two, as dog license renewals were amidst the Covid-19 general closure of Town offices to the public, was somewhat reduced as many preferred to register their dogs online. Also, during March Town Meeting posters displaying similar material to flier was posted for viewing by the 3,000 voters who voted in person. Additionally, similar posters were displayed late Fall 2019 at a county level Hazardous Materials Collection Day.

**Message Date:** April/time of dog license renewal.

**BMP: Disposal of Leaf and Grass Clippings****Document Name and/or Web Address:**

[https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page\\_id=54](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54)

**Description:**

Distribute and promote informational flyer, pledge cards, or door hangers, with messaging about impacts from yard waste to waterbodies, alternatives to dumping yard waste and laws against dumping yard waste near or in waterbodies.

**Targeted Audience:**

Residential &/or Business and Institutions

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Residents are aware of the water quality impacts of yard waste dumping near or in water bodies and safe alternatives for yard waste disposal.

In Year 1, 50 of flyers were distributed. In Year 2, 75 flyers were distributed. **Goal was achieved.** Also, during March Town Meeting posters displaying similar material to flier was posted for viewing by the 3,000 voters who voted in person. Additionally, similar posters were displayed late Fall 2019 at a county level Hazardous Materials Collection Day..

**Message Date:**

Fall September/October.

**BMP: Septic System Maintenance****Document Name and/or Web Address:**

[https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page\\_id=54](https://www4.des.state.nh.us/nh-ms4/?page_id=54)

**Description:**

Distribute and promote brochure or door hangers, directing to website to educate New Hampshire homeowners with septic systems on how to identify, locate and maintain those systems. Get Pumped NH is a collaborated effort between the New Hampshire Association of Septage Haulers (NHASH) and the New Hampshire Department of Environmental Services (NHDES).

**Targeted Audience:**

Septic System Owners

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Residents are aware of water quality impacts from septic systems, the importance of maintaining septic systems and how to maintain them.

In Year 1, 60 of flyers were distributed. In Year 2, 75 flyers were distributed. **Goal was achieved.** Also, during March Town Meeting posters displaying similar material to flier was posted for viewing by the 3,000 voters who voted in person. Additionally, similar posters were displayed late Fall 2019 at a county level Hazardous Materials Collection Day..

**Message Date:**

Fall/Spring.

**BMP: Developer/Construction Outreach****Description:**

Review checklist with developers and construction contractors prior to beginning of construction project (pre-construction) to identify responsible parties, erosions control practices, other best management practices, and requirements for EPA Construction General Permit as appropriate.

**Targeted Audience:**

Developer/Construction

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Contractors and Developers are aware of the need for proper erosion control practices during construction work.

The Planning Department held 5 of pre-construction meetings, representing 100% of projects that received Planning Board approval and began construction during this reporting period.

**Goal was achieved.**

**Message Date:**

Ongoing.

**MCM2 - Public Participation****BMP: Public Participation in Stormwater Management Program Development**

**Description:** The Stormwater Management Program was made available for public review by posting to the Town website.

**Measurable Goal(s):**

Input was not received; likely related to COVID-19; input always welcome. **Goal was achieved.**

## **MCM3 – Illicit Discharge Detection and Elimination**

### **BMP: IDDE Legal Authority**

The municipality has established legal authority as outlined in the IDDE plan.

### **BMP: Sanitary Sewer Overflow (SSO) Inventory**

The Town of Stratham has no Sanitary Sewer system and therefore has no SSOs.

### **BMP: Map of Storm Sewer System**

Map of storm sewer system and associated outfalls is in progress in accordance with the accepted NOI.

### **BMP: IDDE Program**

A Written IDDE plan has been developed and is available on our website.

Initial outfall identification, characterization and prioritization has been completed and included in the IDDE plan.

The following tasks are in progress in accordance with the accepted NOI.

Number and percent of total outfall catchments served by the MS4 evaluated using the catchment investigation procedure:

Number of dry weather outfall investigations/screenings:

*None conducted during year 2.*

Number of wet weather outfall inspections/sampling events:

*None conducted during year 2.*

Number of illicit discharges removed: 0

Estimated gallons of flow removed: 0

### **BMP: Employee Training**

June 17, 2020; City of Dover and UNH provided Illicit Discharge videos prepared by senior civil and environmental engineering students at the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition meeting. Training logs are included in Appendix F of the IDDE report.

In addition, as a routine IDDE, materials and training, including information on how to identify illicit discharges and SSOs are made available to applicable employees in accordance with IDDE plan.

## **MCM4 – Construction Site Stormwater Runoff Control**

A Written site inspection and enforcement program for erosion and sediment control measures was created and is included in our SWMP.

The following tasks are in progress in accordance with the accepted NOI.

Number of site plan reviews completed: 5

Number of inspections: 10

Number of enforcement actions: 0

## **MCM5 – Post Construction Stormwater Management in New Development and Redevelopment**

### **BMP: Post-Construction Ordinance (due in year 2)**

A Post-Construction Ordinance has been created, links and references are included in our SWMP.

### **BMP: Street Design and Parking Lot Guidance Report (due in year 4)**

Deliverables will progress in accordance with the accepted NOI and is scheduled for year 4.

### **BMP: Green Infrastructure Report (due in year 4)**

Deliverables will progress in accordance with the accepted NOI and is scheduled for year 4.

### **BMP: List of Municipal Retrofit Opportunities (due in year 4)**

Deliverables will progress in accordance with the accepted NOI and is scheduled for year 4.

## **MCM6 – Good Housekeeping and Pollution Prevention for Permittee Owned Operations**

### **BMP: Parks and Open Spaces Operations and Maintenance Procedures (due year 2)**

Deliverables have been created and are included in our SWMP.

### **BMP: Buildings and Facilities Operations and Maintenance Procedures (due year 2)**

Deliverables have been created and are included in our SWMP.

### **BMP: Vehicles and Equipment Operations and Maintenance Procedures (due year 2)**

Deliverables have been created and are included in our SWMP.

### **BMP: Catch Basin Cleaning Program**

A schedule for catch basin cleaning has been established with the goal of ensuring that a catch basin should not be more than 50% full. Catch basin cleanings were properly stored and disposed so that they did not discharge to receiving waters. This is detailed in the SWMP.



The following tasks are in progress in accordance with the accepted NOI.

Number of catch basins within MS4 regulated area: 10

Number catch basins inspected in accordance with the SWMP: 10

Number of catch basins cleaned: 0—COVID-19 impacted this schedule; all basins <50% at inspection.

Volume or mass of material removed: 0

#### **BMP: Street sweeping program**

A street sweeping program has been established such that all streets with curbing and/or catch basins and permittee-owned parking lots are swept in accordance with permit conditions. Street sweepings were properly stored and disposed so that they did not discharge to receiving waters.

The following tasks are in progress in accordance with the accepted NOI.

Number of (lane) miles swept: 0—COVID-19 impacted this schedule.

Volume or mass of swept material: 0

#### **BMP: Winter Road Maintenance Program**

A winter road maintenance program has been established with a goal of reducing salt usage. Salt reduction strategies have been implemented as outlined in our SWMP.

#### **BMP: Stormwater Treatment Structures Inspection and Maintenance Procedures**

Town of Stratham continues to collect information with a goal of inventorying and formally inspecting all municipally owned BMPs. Any BMPs that are safety or flooding hazards are dealt with as needed.

#### **BMP: SWPPP (due year 2)**

SWPPPs were developed in year 2, consistent with the NOI and permit requirements, for the following facilities: maintenance garages, public works yards, transfer stations, and other waste handling facilities where pollutants are exposed to stormwater.

- SWPPPs were developed for Stratham DWP Facility and Transfer Station.

Copies are kept at DPW Facility and available online ([www.strathamnh.gov](http://www.strathamnh.gov)), and inspections as outlined in completed SWPPPs will begin in year 3.

## **TMDL's and Water Quality Limited Waters**

### **Bacteria/Pathogens**

Outfalls to these receiving waters have been ranked as high priority for the IDDE implementation in the initial outfall ranking and enhanced BMP's have been implemented in accordance with the SWMP.

### **Phosphorus**

Outfalls to these receiving waters have been ranked as high priority for the IDDE implementation in the initial outfall ranking and enhanced BMP's have been implemented in accordance with the SWMP.

Stratham through its participation in the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition and continued involvement with the NHDES led Pollutant Tracking and Accounting Program (PTAP), will satisfy the tracking and accounting requirement of the municipally owned structural BMP's listed in Attachment 1 to Appendix H.

### **Nitrogen**

Outfalls to these receiving waters have been ranked as high priority for the IDDE implementation in the initial outfall ranking and enhanced BMP's have been implemented in accordance with the SWMP.

Stratham through its participation in the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition and continued involvement with the NHDES led Pollutant Tracking and Accounting Program (PTAP), will satisfy the tracking and accounting requirement of the municipally-owned structural BMP's listed in Attachment 1 to Appendix H.

### **Solids, Oil and Grease (Hydrocarbons), or Metals**

Outfalls to these receiving waters have been ranked as high priority for the IDDE implementation in the initial outfall ranking and enhanced BMP's have been implemented in accordance with the SWMP.

### **Chloride**

Outfalls to these receiving waters have been ranked as high priority for the IDDE implementation in the initial outfall ranking.

Tracking of the amount of salt applied to all municipally owned and maintained surfaces, and reporting of salt use has been completed using the UNH T2 online tool, or other.

Stratham through its participation in the Seacoast Stormwater Coalition and continued involvement with the NHDES-led Green Snow Pro Program are working to develop a public education regarding impacts of salt use, methods to reduce salt use on private property, and modifications to driving behavior in winter weather as listed in Attachment 1 to Appendix H.

The municipal Green Snow Pro legislation was delayed due to COVID-19, and will be revisited

during the 2021 legislative session.

**Description of any changes in identified BMPs or measurable goals**

Stratham has implemented activities in accordance with the approved Notice of Intent. All BMPs and measurable goals as outlined in the approved NOI are appropriate.

**Activities for the Next Reporting Cycle**

Stratham will continue to implement activities in accordance with the approved Notice of Intent.